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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 2, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this Response.